

WTVJ-TV

**QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING
ADDRESSING COMMUNITY ISSUES**

April 1 through June 30, 2011



Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

April 1 – June 30, 2011

NBC 6/WTVJ attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by NBC 6/WTVJ.

The community issues to which WTVJ addressed significant programming were determined by knowledge obtained through community involvement and informal ascertainment of the general public, community leaders, public officials, inclusive of different ethnic organizations and service organizations, the following list emerged as issues needing media attention and support.

NBC 6/WTVJ recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests. This report includes a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period April 1 through June 30, 2011.

The programs produced to meet the needs of the public include locally produced shows and newscasts as well as national programs, public service announcement campaigns, and sales marketing campaigns.

Community Issues

Politics
Health
Environment
Consumer/Economy
Education
Family
Ethnic/Diversity
Live Positive

Locally Produced Programs

Our locally produced, regularly scheduled programs address community issues, concerns and needs. The programs are as follows:

NBC 6/WTVJ News – Daily Local News Programs – WTVJ’s daily newscasts devote considerable time to local issues and community problems.

Regularly scheduled, locally produced newscasts and programming include:

Program	Time	Days
NBC 6 Today in South Florida at 5am	5:00-5:30 am	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 Today in South Florida at 5:30am	5:30-6:00am	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 in Today South Florida at 6am	6:00-7:00am	Monday-Friday
South Florida Today	11:00-12:00pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 6pm	6:00-6:30 pm	Monday-Friday
South Florida Nightly News at 7pm	7:00-7:30pm	Monday-Friday
South Florida Tonight	11:00-11:30 pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 News at 6pm	6:00-6:30 pm	Saturday
South Florida Tonight	11:00-11:30 pm	Saturday
NBC 6 News at 6pm	6:00-6:30 pm	Sunday
South Florida Tonight	11:00-11:30 pm	Sunday

POLITICS

NBC 6 is devoted to covering a myriad of local, national, and international government issues during its newscast. The coverage includes profiles of policy makers, political debates, political controversies, and school board issues.

Government Shutdown

Reporter: Steve Litz

04/6/2011 6pm

Length: 2:13

There are 54 hours left to get an agreement on a budget plan on Capitol Hill until the Government shuts down. So what impact would a possible shutdown have on you? NBC Miami political reporter Steve Litz sorts out the budget battle.

Bribery Investigation in North Miami

Reporter: Jeff Burnside

04/8/2011 6pm

Length: 2:22

An NBC Miami investigation has found documents linking North Miami Mayor Andre Pierre with campaign donations that are part of a bribery investigation. It lead to the arrest of the mayor's own campaign manager and nephew last week.

War of Words-Government Shutdown

Reporter: Hank Tester

04/8/2011 6 pm

Length: 2:21

War of words on Capitol Hill!! The political stalemate in D.C. is having a major impact here in South Florida as there are six hours left until the deadline to shut down the non-essential parts of government. NBC Miami's Hank Tester spent the day in the Everglades to get reactions from taxpayers and park workers.

Government Shutdown Averted

Reporter: Brian Mooar

4/10/2011 6pm

Length: 1:58

The U.S. government averted a shutdown late Friday, but a new budget battle is brewing in Washington. Republicans are demanding a lot in return for raising the debt ceiling so the government can pay its bills. NBC's Brian Mooar had the story from Washington.

Miami Dade Election

Reporter: Steve Litz

4/11/2011 6pm

Length: 2:30

The Miami Dade Commissioners approved May 24th as the day for the special election to replace Mayor Carlos Alvarez and Commissioner Natacha Seijas. NBC Miami political reporter Steve Litz breaks down the candidate list down for us.

Mayor Hopefuls

Reporter: Hank Tester

4/12/2011 6pm

Length: 2:38

Today was the last day for potential candidates to officially submit the necessary paperwork needed in hopes of becoming the county's new leader. NBC Miami's Hank Tester was live in Doral with the story.

Government Budget

Reporter: Brian Mooar

4/17/2011 6pm

Length: 1:48

Tomorrow is tax day and Congress is fighting over spending those tax dollars. Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner, says there's been a private breakthrough in the latest fight over Washington spending.

Budget Breakdown

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/6/2011 6pm

Length: 0:47

Today was the final day for Florida legislators as the 2011 session comes to an end. However, the session did not conclude without bringing some sharp cuts in the states 69 billion dollar budget. Hospitals and schools took the brunt of the cuts, as hospitals will lose twelve percent of funding to treat the poor, and schools will lose 1.3 billion dollars.

Early Voting Monday

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

5/8/2011 6pm

Length: 0:25

Early voting begins Monday in the race for Miami-Dade Mayor. This special election follows after the recall of Mayor Carlos Alvarez back in March. A hike in property tax, and public funding allocated for the Marlins Stadium are some of the reasons that incited the outrage of voters.

Cost Savings

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/11/2011 6pm

Length: 0:22

Taxpayers will save more than one billion dollars thank to the research group "Florida Taxwatch." Lawmakers adopted more than a dozen of the group's budget ideas to help the government run more efficiently. Some of the proposals backed by Taxwatch include pension reform, Medicaid reform, and privatization of state prisons as well as others.

Citizen's Reinsurance

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/12/2011 6pm

Length: 0:23

Citizen's Insurance Florida's largest property insurer is gearing up for hurricane season. The company will purchase a half a billion dollars re-insurance in the private market to make sure it will be able to pay claims to homes and businesses that incur damages in the event of a storm. Citizen's has over 1.3 million policyholders in the state.

Raul Martinez Returns

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/13/2011 6pm

Length: 0:22

Former Miami-Dade Mayor Raul Martinez is now officially a candidate for his former post. Today Martinez filed the necessary paperwork to run in the November special election. Martinez was Miami-Dade Mayor for more then 20 years before stepping down to pursue a bid for Congress in 2008.

Scott/Llorente Elex Lawsuit

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/19/2011 6pm

Length: 0:59

More controversy is now surrounding the Miami-Dade special elections after Governor Rick Scott signed a new law reducing the number of earlier voting days, among other changes. Former Republican Legislator Marcelo Llorente, one of the candidates in the Miami Mayoral Race filed a lawsuit to temporarily block this part of the new law, which will affect the May 24th special election. The law also requires voters who change their address at the polls to cast a provisional ballot that may not be counted.

Weiner Resigns

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/16/2011 6pm

Length: 0:45

After mounds of political pressure over explicit messages and photos Congressman Anthony Weiner sent to women online, he announced his resignation today. Weiner apologized to his neighbors, constituents, and his wife for the embarrassment he caused.

Key West Drinking Hours

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/20/2011 6pm

Length: 0:23

The Key West City Commission will soon consider an ordinance to repeal the long-standing restriction of alcohol sales between the hours of four am to noon on Sunday. The idea to consider a repeal came after the mayor of the Southernmost City says the law frustrates tourists who might want a drink during those hours.

Crapp Resigned

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/20/2011 6pm

Length: 0:24

It has only been six month since Miami City Manager, Tony Crapp, has been on the job and he is already moving on. The former Deputy City Manager and Mayor's Chief of Staff spent 15 years working before he was appointed to city manager in January. Crapp is expected to accept a position with a private firm in Broward County. No word as of yet who will replace him.

Gerrymandering

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/20/2011 6pm

Length: 0:51

Today lawmakers began the first of more than two-dozen public hearings, in the process of re-drawing the state's legislative and congressional district lines. The process occurs once every decade, and is already under fire from several interest groups, because no maps have yet been drawn. Lawmakers say they want to hear from the public before drawing any new maps. South Floridians will also have the opportunity to weigh in on the redistricting, as four hearings are scheduled around Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties.

Mayoral Elections Eve

Reporter: Jackie Nespral/Steve Litz

6/28/2011 6pm

Length: 2:32

It is decision day in Miami-Dade. A new mayor is expected to be named tonight in Miami-Dade. Carlos Gimenez and Julio Robaina are both hopeful as Miami-Dade residents decide. NBC Miami political reporter Steve Litz is live at a voting precinct in Hialeah tonight.

HEALTH

As the first generation of Baby Boomers are retiring and more people are becoming health conscious, NBC Miami offers an array of reports – from the most concerning and relevant health issues to the latest in medical technology.

New Genes Linked to Alzheimer's Disease

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

04/04/2011 6pm

Length: 2:07

A large new study from the University of Miami has identified five new genes linked to Alzheimer's disease. NBC Miami's health reporter Diana Gonzalez explained what the study might mean for future patients.

Eye Exam

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

04/07/2011 6pm

Length: 2:17

Getting your eyes checked every year can be a sight saver. When our health reporter went to get a new pair of glass, the exam uncovered a potential problem. If you're farsighted and female you should focus on this story.

Pill Mill Problem

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

4/19/2011 6pm

Length: 2:14

A new war on drugs was launched today in Washington D.C. with a focus on Florida, which has become known as the nation's capital of prescription drug abuse. Diana Gonzalez told us about the battle plan.

Screening Test for Virus

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

4/20/2011 6pm

Length: 2:15

A sexually transmitted virus that causes most of the cervical cancer in women, is now considered one of the leading risk factors for oral cancer. NBC Miami's health reporter Diana Gonzalez told us about a simple screening test new to South Florida.

Bone Drugs

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/4/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Some reassuring news for women taking Osteoporosis drugs that have been linked to the cause of major fractures. New research shows the overall risk of bone fracture is rather small. The study shows that for every one fracture, the drug aids in preventing as many as 100 broken bones.

Odd Aneurysm Triggers

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/5/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

According to a new study conducted in the Netherlands activities such as drinking coffee, and exercise may increase chances of an Aneurysm. Researchers asked patients what they were doing just before their Aneurysm, and they found patients were doing simply things such as drinking soda, or even just blowing their nose. For the record however, only about two percent of the population develop Aneurysm.

Infant Tylenol

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

5/8/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Drug makers have come up with a new plan and device that will help parents reduce dosing errors for infant pain relievers. Concentrated infant Tylenol and other products that contain acetaminophen will be phased out, and the medicines will be re-worked so the concentration of both infant and children's acetaminophen products will match. New calibrated dosing syringes will also be included to simplify the process for parents.

Discounted Doctors

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/12/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

A California couple believes they have the solution to the nationwide rising cost of health care. Dr. Samir Qamar and his wife are the creators of "Med Lion," a medical membership program that provides medical care to those uninsured or unemployed without insurance. Dr. Qamar believes the key to reducing cost is cutting out the middleman (insurance companies), and working directly with patients. Dr. Qamar says insurance companies make up 40 percent of doctor's overhead, which can be saved by billing the patient directly.

Vitamin D Preggers

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/13/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Pregnant women now can help prevent a very common respiratory illness in their newborn babies by increasing their vitamin-D intake. There are about five million diagnosed cases of a respiratory virus called RSV each year. However, a new study published in the American Academy of Pediatrics shows one million fewer children would develop this virus if mothers increased their vitamin-D intake. Doctors advise pregnant mothers to speak with their doctor as to how much vitamin-D to take.

Breast Cancer Blood Test

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/19/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

A new test might aid doctors in detecting and monitoring patients with advanced breast cancer. Researchers from Georgetown University believe the test could be a good alternative to more expensive exams such as CT scans and ultrasounds. The test counts the number of tumor cells circulating in the patient's blood.

3D TV Warning

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/20/2011 6pm

Length: 01:00

3D glasses are a hot new trend; however, Samsung has sent out a warning statement that young children and teenagers could end up with vision problems if exposed for long periods of time. Doctors say a child's eyes are still developing until the age of 10, and using 3D glasses or watching television in 3D could affect the way the eyes learn to fuse. Doctors are not sure how much 3D exposure is too much, but the key is moderation.

SOFLA Emergency Rooms

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

A new reservation system may now allow patients to stay home until they are called into the emergency room. Starting May 23, 2011, for \$9.99 nine Florida hospitals are guaranteeing immediate emergency room entry or your money back. Patients with non-life threatening conditions are guaranteed to be seen by a healthcare professional within 15 minutes. Tenet hospitals feel this new system will be profitable, as many patients more than likely prefer resting at home instead of encountering emergency room stressors. The system has a safeguard to ensure patients with more serious emergencies, do not have to wait for an appointment.

Cultured Men

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

A new study out of Norway has found a positive link between men who live a cultured lifestyle and good health. The study discovered that men who live a lifestyle that includes attending operas and museums had the lowest levels of anxiety and depression. The study observed more 50,000 adults.

Antibiotics Meat

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/26/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Health groups are calling on the FDA to help you live healthier. The groups are pushing to have the FDA stop farmers from adding antibiotics to livestock food. The lawsuit was launched by The Center for Science in the public interest against the FDA, on the grounds that the longer animals are given antibiotics, the less effective antibiotics will be in humans. Agricultural groups say there is no evidence to support this claim.

M.S. Stress

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/30/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

You may have heard all the things stress may contribute to, but according to a new study by researchers in Norway, multiple sclerosis may not be one of them. After following two-hundred-thousand women and their stress levels for decades, researcher found no direct correlation between the disease and stress.

Marathon Beer

Reporter: Amara Sohn

6/2/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Can a beer a day really keep the doctors away? A new German study says yes, after 300 male marathon runners were found to less likely get sick after running a marathon. The antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties in non-alcoholic beer help to fight infections that are common in distance runners.

Anti-Smoking Laws

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/15/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

An anti-smoking group is pushing for new laws and taxes on cigarettes that could help to save lives and money. A new report from the American Cancer Society found nearly seventy thousand non-smokers' lives would be saved, one million adult smokers would quit, nearly four hundred thousand teens would never start, and millions of dollars in healthcare cost would be saved if a one dollar tax were enforced, and if smoke-free laws were adopted nationwide. Thus far, 27 states are without comprehensive smoke-free laws.

Unhealthy Teens

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/16/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Experts from The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, say kids are still not getting enough exercise and are drinking too many sugary sodas. Only one out of every ten high school students are actually getting out and doing physical exercise for one hour a day. Older teens and girls were amongst the least likely to exercise.

Obese Peggars

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/16/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

For obese women dreaming of motherhood, weight loss surgery may be the answer. There are 50 percent of women with polycystic ovarian syndrome, a common cause of infertility in obese women. In a study of six morbidly obese women with the condition, all became pregnant within three years of having gastric bypass surgery.

Stem Cells Vision

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/17/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

California researchers will soon begin to conduct a study determining whether Embryonic Stem Cell Transplants are safe to use in patients suffering from vision loss. The project will test the safety of retinal pigment epithelial cells in 24 people. Scientists from UCLA hope the cells might someday treat macular degeneration and a range of other eye diseases.

City Stress

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/23/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Living in the city can be an exciting experience, however one new study says that the added excitement can in actuality mean added stress. Researchers placed students in a stressful situation and monitored their brain activity. Students who lived or grew up in the city were shown to have more brain activity in the part of the brain that processes emotion. Researchers concluded that city dwellers are actually more responsive to stressful situations.

Sunburned Eyes

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/23/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Summer time is definitely here in South Florida, and while most people know to protect their skin with sunscreen, many forget to protect their eyes as well. Studies show that one in four people are unaware the sun can cause serious eye damage. The skin on the eyelid is especially sensitive and can be prone to cancer. It is recommended that UV protection shades be worn in addition to sunscreen. This practice can ultimately save you a trip to the doctor.

July Hospital Deaths

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Feeling kind of sick? You might want to hold off going to the hospital during the month of July. The Journal of Internal Medicine reported a study that showed hospital death rates increased ten percent due to medical error during the month of July. Experts say “The July Effect” can be attributed to the influx of new hospital interns just beginning their hospital residency. Most interns have at least four years of medical experience under their belts, but lacks practical knowledge, which is most likely contributing to the spike.

HIV Testing

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/27/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

It is estimated that one in five people in the US are living with HIV, and do not know they are infected. Today is national HIV testing day across the country. This year’s theme is “Take the Test, Take Control.” Tonight, local health officials are urging South Floridians to get tested. Free, confidential testing is available today across Broward and Miami-Dade.

ENVIRONMENT

With more and more people interested in living “Green” and concerned about the environment, NBC Miami offers informative reports on an array of “living green” topics on an on-going basis. NBC Miami’s parent company GE also dedicates one week in April, Green Week, to bringing to light the most relevant environmental issues as well as the most innovative Green products.

Green Week

Reporter: Bryan Williams

4/17/2011 6pm

Length: 1:23

NBC Miami is living green this week, and with graduation quickly approaching for several college students we have a story you might find hard to believe. Several cap and gowns were being made using only recycled plastic bottles.

Look at Gulf Oil Disaster

Reporter: Steve Litz

4/20/2011 7pm

Length: 3:28

Today marks one year since the start of the Gulf oil disaster, the day the deep water horizon well exploded, sparking the worst oil spill in U.S. history. NBC Miami’s Steve Litz told us where the recovery stands a year later.

Severe Weather

Reporter: Brian Mooar

4/23/2011 6pm

Length: 1:50

In suburban St. Louis crews have worked a full day trying to clean up the damage inflicted in a matter of moments by the most powerful tornado to strike the area since 1967. Residents are stunned by the damage done to homes and property. NBC’s Brian Mooar had the story.

Love Bug Invasion

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/11/2011 6pm

Length: 0:27

It’s that time of the year when the love bugs are back in town. Entomologists say the love bugs travel in droves in May and June during breeding season, and they love Florida weather. Many drivers however, are not feeling the love, as they have to pull over to wash dead insects off their windshields. The tiny bugs are filled with an acidic fluid that will eat away at the paint of a car, therefore the sooner those bugs come off, the better.

Lake Okeechobee

Reporter: Sharon Lawson

6/4/2011 6pm

Length: 0:20

Although rainy season in South Florida began last week, drought conditions seem to be getting worse. Water levels at Lake Okeechobee have dropped below the 10 feet above sea level mark. This is the lowest levels have been in four years. South Florida Water Management says the two-day a week watering restriction will remain in effect.

CONSUMER/ECONOMY

NBC Miami brings series of reports dealing with the most current and most concerning consumer and economy issues.

Raising Insurance Rates

Reporter: Willard Shepard

4/14/2011 6pm

Length: 2:31

One of the state's largest insurers is taking steps, that some claim are an end run-around directly raising your rates. Fortifying your home with hurricane shutters and other storm resistant products are supposed to save you money on your insurance premium, but those discounts are being wiped away.

Fake Doctor Scams

Reporter: Willard Shepard

4/23/2011 6pm

Length: 2:43

Fake doctors allegedly cutting deals to rip off insurance companies. Police say these bad doctors cost good patients cold hard cash by driving up insurance premiums. Now we're showing you how these scams work.

Minimum Wage to Rise

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/4/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Consumers earning minimum wage may soon be getting some extra cash in their pockets thanks to a state minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$ 7.31 an hour. The increase is expected to come following a Circuit Court ruling that Florida violated its Constitution by failing to raise minimum wage on January 1st, after last year's cost of living increased. Minimum wage for tipped employees may also rise from \$4.23 to \$4.29 per hour.

Summer Gas Prices

Reporter: Sharon Lawson

5/8/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Florida motorists may receive some relief at the pump this summer. Analysts believe consumers can expect a drop of about fifty cents per gallon as early as June. This drop comes after the cost per gallon skyrocketed ninety-one cents since January, which further included forty-four consecutive days of increase.

Publix Coupon

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/12/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Publix shoppers will soon be subject to a new companywide coupon policy. For years, the supermarket chain has allowed customers to use coupons from internet manufactures and competitors. Under the new policy, each Publix location will post a list of rival coupons that will be accepted at that particular store. The policy will also cease the use of rival coupons for a percentage of items or an entire bill and will mandate competitive pharmacy coupons only be used for prescriptions. The new policy takes effect May 23rd.

Travel Apps

Reporter: Jackie Nespral/Kevin Corke

5/13/2011 6pm

Length: 1:31

With gas prices going up sky high, many Americans have been forced to eliminate vacations, and stay put. However, PC Mike has found a couple of cool app that allows consumers to travel right from their computer, iPad, or iPhone.

AT&T Overcharges

Reporter: Kevin Corke/ Jackie Nespral

5/19/2011 6pm

Length: 2:21

Some extra service charges imposed by AT&T have the service provider facing a class action lawsuit. There are over 20 million iPhone and iPad users, and many are claiming the company is routinely overcharging them. The lawsuit could potentially cost AT&T millions of dollars.

Car Rental Safety

Reporter: Kevin Corke/ Jackie Nespral

5/30/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

The days of riding out in a recalled rental could soon be a thing of the past. Congress is introducing a new bill to stop car rental agencies from renting out recalled automobiles until they are repaired. New York Senator Charles Schumer says there are too many serious crashes resulting from recalled rental cars, and rental agencies should be held to the same standard as dealerships. The American Car Rental Association further backs the proposal.

Apple Security

Reporter: Amara Sohn

6/2/2011 6pm

Length: 1:55

Apple computer owners beware. You may have heard Apple computer owners brag about their computer's safety and invulnerability when it comes to malware and other viruses, but recently some "Mac" users have found themselves dealing with malware nightmares.

Google Rep Management

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/16/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Google has introduced a new tool on Google Dashboard that helps consumers manage search results for their name. The new tool is called “Me on the Web,” and allows a person to set up search alerts for personal information included in their Google Profile, such as their name and address. This new tool allows consumers to keep tabs on their online identity and remove unwanted content.

Mortgage Outreach

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Bank of America is holding a three-day event for South Florida residents struggling to make their mortgage payments. The event, which began yesterday, allows customers to sit face-to-face with a specialist and review their options for home loan modification, or alternative to foreclosure. Over 35,000 Bank of America customers were contacted to attend this event. The event runs until Saturday at the Miami Beach Convention Center from 8:00am to 6:30pm.

City Bond Impact

Reporter: Jackie Nespral/Willard Shepard

6/28/2011 6pm

Length: 2:41

You know just how important your credit score is, right? Well imagine if you took a hit. This is the dilemma Miami is facing tonight. The city’s bond rate is being lowered, and that is bad news for the city’s ability to borrow money for construction projects. This could mean a lot of headache for local business owners, as the city may no longer be able to provide local businesses with amenities.

EDUCATION

NBC 6 offers viewers an array of reports addressing issues that affect students in South Florida.

Students Fight Poverty

Reporter: Brent Solomon

4/14/2011 6pm

Length: 1:53

Some Miami-Dade college students are living positive by helping make sure children in a developing country get the education they deserve. Students have taken on a 17-year-old project that promises to send first grade students to college. NBC Miami's Brent Solomon introduces us to the imagination federation project.

FCAT Writing Results

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/4/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

FCAT results were released today, and it is giving South Florida schools reason to celebrate. Fourth, eighth, and tenth graders in Broward County outperformed students in the entire state. An astounding ninety-five percent of students in each grade level scored above average receiving a three or higher.

Carvalho Contract

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/15/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Miami-Dade Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, receives an A+ and a contract extension from the Miami-Dade County School Board. Carvalho's contract was extended an additional two years, after praises of leadership in improving student achievement, protecting teachers, and restoring financial stability to the district. Carvalho will now serve as Miami-Dade Superintendent until 2015.

FAMILY

Forever Families

Reporter: Amara Sohn

4/17/2011 6pm

Length: 1:35

We show you how your generosity teamed up with a supermarket's giving spirit, added up to a lifeline for many local non-profits, including our very own forever family program.

Forever Families

Reporter: Willard Shepard

4/23/2011

Length: 1:37

When you're a caring sister who's always watching out for your brother, the carefree moments of childhood come a little less often. That's just one of the many reasons why the bright little girl you're about to meet needs a forever family.

Cultural Calendar

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/6/2011 6pm

Length: 0:23

This Saturday the entire family can get into shape at the Fourth Annual "Bio Cardio" Fitness Fundraiser. Celebrity guests will include Billy Blanks, Trent Gamble, Chad Pennington, and Brian Fuery. The event will also include fitness classes, health talks, Chik-Fil-A Family Fun Zone, and a 5K run. The fitness fundraiser takes place at the Broward Central Regional Park.

ETHNIC/DIVERSITY**Immigration Stalling**

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/4/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Today in the Capital, the Arizona-Style Immigration Bill cleared the Senate, which prompted dozens of immigrant activists to protest against the new immigration reform. This version leaves out a major provision of the House Bill, which requires businesses to use the federal online e-verify system.

McDonald's Café con Leche

Reporter: Sharon Lawson

6/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Need some Cuban coffee to start your morning off right? just head over to the yellow arches. Starting tomorrow, McDonald's will be adding a little Latin flavor to their menus. Prices will range from \$2.29 for a small cup, to \$3.19 for a large.

USA Mexico Highlights

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

6/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Today's game at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles was in front of a very pro-Mexican crowd. Team USA was off to a surprising start with a 2-0 lead over Mexico, however Mexico scores four unanswered goals, which allowed them to take home the gold trophy.

LIVE POSITIVE

Special Olympics

Reporter: Brent Solomon

05/4/2011 6pm

Length: 1:35

Some Broward Schools are making sure students master the concept of teamwork. Special needs students from five-area-schools participated in the First Annual Mini-Special Olympics in Hollywood.

McCrary FCAT Scores

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/5/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

FCAT results are in at Jesse J. McCrary Elementary, and students have a reason to be proud. Seventy percent of the students at the school located in Little Haiti scored a four or above on the FCAT writing test, equating to more than half from last year. Students received help from writing coaches who focused on different writing strategies and literary devices.

Reproductive Medicine

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

5/5/2011 6pm

Length: 2:24

It was an extra special Mother's Day for one mother who had been plagued with infertility. The new mother is counting her blessing, and celebrating her new bundle of joy after receiving reproductive medicine that allowed her to conceive.

Prom to Remember

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/6/2011 6pm

Length: 2:13

Three young women celebrate a special prom night at the Ritz Carlton in Fort Lauderdale. What makes this prom even more special, and separates it from a typical high school prom is because these three young ladies are cancer survivors.

Marlins Donates

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/11/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Some local band students will be making it to competition this year, thanks to a generous donation from the Florida Marlins. The Marlins Community Foundation donated thirty thousand dollars to the Dillard High School band in Fort Lauderdale, and New World School of Music in Miami to compete in this weekends jazz band competition in New York.

Florida Marlins

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/12/2011 6pm

Length: 1:04

Some Haitian Families who lost their homes to the 2010 earthquake now have a new place to call home thanks to the Florida Marlins. Members of the Florida Marlins in alliance with Food For the Poor helped build a village for some of the quake victims. About 41 room homes have been built so far and more are in the works.

Relay for Life

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/13/2011 6pm

Length: 1:59

Deerfield Beach Mayor, Peggy Noland might have lost a bet with the organizers of Relay for Life, but this very bet might have helped to save her life. Mayor Peggy Noland must now quit smoking after a local resident helped raised thirteen thousand to battle cancer. The mayor agreed to quit smoking if the organizers of Relay for Life raised ten thousands.

Wynwood Art Fair

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/18/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Miami Mayor, Tomas Regalado announced the first Annual Wynwood Art Festival, today. The festival will feature contemporary artwork, and serve as a benefit for the Lotus House Women's Shelter, which provides support for women and children in need.

Feeding South Florida

Reporter: Jackie

5/19/2011 6pm

Length: 1:38

Local chefs volunteered their time today, all for a good cause. With the assistance of dozens of food professionals, Feeding South Florida was able to collect thousands of pounds of food for more than a half of a million children in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale area. Chefs were dedicated to reaching this goal, and their dedication paid off.

Kids Shaves Principal

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

5/20/2011 6pm

Length: 1:48

Students at one local school jumped into action and decided to have a fundraiser for a fellow student (sixth grader) who lost her hair, and whose family now struggles financially. The principal even joined in and volunteered to lose something he had for years in order to raise more money.

Nova Vet Program

Reporter: Kevin Corke/Christina Hernandez

5/26/2011 6pm

Length: 2:03

The process of transitioning from military life to civilian life can be a tough road. Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida is making that transition a bit smoother. The Huizenga School of Business is not only assisting veterans with obtaining employment, but is also training vets so that they have the knowledge and skills to start their own business. The program officially starts this July.

Gilda's Office Olympics

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/30/2011 6pm

Length: 1:00

Eighteen local companies, including your very own NBC Miami, will be participating in Gilda's Office Olympic Games this Saturday from 10:00am-1:30pm at the Bank Atlantic Center. The event is all for a good cause, and proceeds will benefit Gilda's Club South Florida.

Live Victorious

Reporter: Kevin Corke

5/30/2011 6pm

Length: 2:00

After losing both legs in a horrific motorcycle accident, a local 21-year-old college student is living positive. The FIU student is not allowing his wheelchair to limit him, saying he will walk again, but just needs a little help getting there. Victor is further turning tragedy into triumph as he recently changed his major at FIU, so he can help others who have also lost their legs as well.

School Academics

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/15/2011 6pm

Length: 1:28

Eight high school dropouts decide to change their lives and finish their education. The Greater Miami Service Corp and The School of Integrated Academics and Technology awarded all eight students their diplomas after they completed a six month long program. The program gives disadvantaged youths a second chance to become sufficient and productive through courses taught in high-end workstations that simulate a modern office environment.

Volunteers Mail Goodies to Troops Overseas

Reporter: Jackie Nespral/ Kevin Corke

6/15/2011 6pm

Length: 1:39

A group of local women are working hard and volunteering their time to show support to soldiers overseas. In honor of a South Florida soldier killed last month while on duty, the women are mailing care packages that include items such as newspapers, snacks, and over the counter medicines, to show just how much they are appreciated back home.

Pilot Whale Rehab

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/17/2011 6pm

Length: 1:24

In Key Largo people are teaming up, and volunteering their time to help save stranded pilot whales. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allows volunteers to care for the sea mammals. The goal is to rehabilitate them back to health, and release them back into the wild. Several area hotels are also doing their part by offering a discount for those who help with the whales.

NFL Player/Kid Camp

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

6/21/2011 6pm

Length: 1:40

Retired pro football player, and Ely High School Alum Corey Simon is spending his time this summer to help children. Corey is teaming up with the Florida Department of Children and Families and Florida State University to launch this year's "Corey's Kids" summer camp. The camp begins in late July and is offered to foster children to help them with leadership skills. There will be a total of six camps this year to help the state's twenty thousand foster children.

Local Kid Gets Scholarship

Reporter: Kevin Corke

6/24/2011 6pm

Length: 1:04

One local high school football star, Wayne Lyons, is receiving national recognition tonight. Wayne is the recipient of the 2011 Scholar Milk Mustache of the Year Award. One of only twenty-five high school seniors in the entire country receives this honor. This award is awarded to student athletes who show a commitment to academics, athletics, and community service. Each recipient receives a seventy-five hundred dollar scholarship, and appears in a USA Today Milk Mustache ad. Wayne who plays safety will be heading to Stanford in the fall.